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Dear Friends:

The Christmas season is upon us. While it is a traditional time for reflecting on our many blessings, it's tough to realize that Father Young has been gone for a full year. In our own way, I'm sure we all miss Father – he was our friend, role model, inspiration, confessor, visionary and so much more. Gone, but certainly not forgotten.

When we learned of Father's passing last December, many of our employees (and probably some of you) thought that since Father was gone, his programs would shut down and they would lose their jobs. Adding to the uncertainty of the raging pandemic, it was really a stressful time for a lot of our people. It took us a while to assure everyone that that was not the case, that the Board and all of the administration unanimously agreed that the mission was still valid and that we still had work to do. Certainly we would miss our founder and visionary, but he taught us well and we knew what we have to do. And that is to maintain his legacy and carry on!

And carry on, we have:

- We continue to provide housing, out-patient substance abuse treatment, job training and placement to help some of the most marginalized and disenfranchised members of our community.
- We've paid off the lien on the Altamont House and are now eligible to resume receiving State funding and grants. .
- We are close to finalizing a major new Veteran's housing initiative in Syracuse.
- Within the past two weeks, we launched our new website – please visit pyhit.org and take a look. At the bottom of the home page, there are four testimonial videos that pay tribute to Father's enduring legacy. The video that the United Way produced for Father's induction into their Capital Region Philanthropy Hall of Fame is well worth a view.

We need your continued support now more than ever before – we have so much more to do.

Please consider our year-end gift appeal and make your donation today to the **Peter G. Young Foundation**. What better way to remember Father and support his legacy?

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

I ask God's choicest blessings of peace and health for all of you as we enter this Christmas Season!

God Bless,

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